Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments about HB 6329 AN ACT CONCERNING HYDRAULIC FRACTURING WASTE IN CONNECTICUT.

I oppose fracking wastes coming into Connecticut. The benefits to Connecticut in terms of jobs would be small and the risks of allowing in toxic, radioactive waste would be large. Accidental leakage in transportation or processing is one problem. Worse yet would be the deliberate use of the waste for deicing and irrigation, which is being done in other states.

A crucial issue is that the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, which would be tasked with writing and enforcing regulations, is understaffed and overworked. Why would we want to impose additional work on an agency that already is having trouble carrying out its mission?

Allowing fracking wastes into Connecticut will benefit the few, while endangering the many. You must protect our citizens by banning waste from hydraulic fracturing and all oil and gas drilling coming into the state.

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